

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-19, and 24 are currently pending. Claims 3-10 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1, 4-9, 11-13, 15-19, and 24 have been cancelled by the present amendment. The changes and additions to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 3, 10, and 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,606,506 to Jones (hereinafter “the ‘506 patent) in view of the Operating Instructions for the Sony Compact Disc Player (hereinafter “CDP-X77ES”) CDP-X77ES, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,022 to Shibayama (hereinafter “the ‘022 patent); Claims 1, 4-6, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,466,677 to Bush (hereinafter “the ‘677 patent”), in view of GB patent No. 2,326,788 to Vogel (hereinafter “the ‘788 patent”), the ‘022 patent, and further in view of CDP-X77ES; Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the ‘677 patent in view of the ‘788 patent, the ‘022 patent, CDP-X77ES, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,316,249 to Anderson (hereinafter “the ‘249 patent”); Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the ‘677 in view of the ‘788 patent, the ‘002 patent, CDP-X77ES, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,587,704 to Foster (hereinafter “the ‘704 patent); Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the ‘677 patent in view of the ‘788 patent, the ‘002 patent, CDP-X77ES, further in view of Examiner’s Official Notice; Claims 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being


unpatentable over the '677 patent in view of the '788 patent, the '002 patent, CDP-X77ES, further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 6,124,804 to Kitao et al. (hereinafter "the '804 patent"); Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the '677 patent in view of the '788 patent, the '002 patent, CDP-X77ES, the '804 patent, and further in view of the Examiner's Official Notice and U.S. Patent No. 5,378,874 to Holling (hereinafter "the '874 patent").

In response, Applicants rewrite objected Claims 3, 10, and 14 in independent form. Accordingly, the objection to the claims are believed to have been overcome. Applicants amended Claims 4-6, 11-13, 15; added new Claims 24-32, and canceled Claims 1, 2, 7-9, and 20-23. Accordingly, the rejections to the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are believed to have been overcome.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection and objection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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